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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 1 and 22; claims 11 and 32 have been canceled; and claims 1-10, 12-31 and 33-43 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-21 and 32-42 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 11 and 32 have been canceled and the allowable limitations of claims 11 and 32 have been incorporated with the limitations of claims 1 and 22 respectively. The Applicants submit that claims 2-10 and 12-21, which depend from claim 1 and claims 23-31 and 33-42, which depend from claim 22, contain the same novel limitations as amended claims 1 and 22. The Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments have placed the claims in condition for allowance.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claim 43.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-10 and 22-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Laakso. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 22, as amended, now contain allowable limitations. Also, the respective dependent claims, 9-10 and 23-31 contain the same allowable limitations. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of these claims.

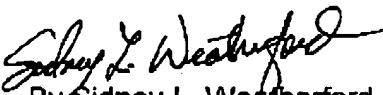
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-10, 12-31 and 33-42.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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